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## RESOLUTION NO. 35-97

## RESOLUTION OF THE NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCLAIMING APRIL 13 - 19, 1997 AS NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, county government traces its roots to the English shire of a thousand years ago, serving as the citizen's local government voice since its inception; and

WHEREAS, when the federal government was formed, the framers of the Constitution chose to provide the freedom to create county governments. Subsequently, early state constitutions conceptualized the importance of county government and its dual value to both the state and federal government; and

WHEREAS, changes in structure and greater independence from the states, rising revenues and stronger political accountability have ushered in a new era for county government as they enter the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, the practice of devolution -- the shift of responsibilities and programs from the federal level to state and county governments -- continues to evolve and with these changes come the possibility of eveny greater independence and flexibility; and

WHEREAS, the flexibility and greater local control have been welcomed by counties as they pursue what is best for citizens and the communities in which they live; and

WHEREAS, county governments have seized opportunities and met challenges in the past. In recognition of the leadership, innovation and valuable service provided by our nation's counties.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Navajo County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim April 13 - 19, 1997, National County Government Week in Navajo County, Arizona.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Navajo County Board of Supervisors this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 1997.

ATTEST:

Jesse Thompson, Chairman

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Navajo County Board of Supervisors